Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1910.

I have to submit my Report on the Sanitary Work of the Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority for the year ending 31st December, 1910, and also the usual table of returns shewing the numbers and tonnage of sailing and steam vessels belonging to the Port.

		1910.		1909.
Number of sailing ships	...	61	...	63
Nett Tonnage	3872	...	3915	
Number of steam ships	...	10	...	10
Nett Tonnage	548	...	548	

I also submit returns showing the number of Vessels and Tonnage entering the Port during the year ending 31st December, 1910.

		WITH CARGOES.				IN BALLAST.			
		SAILING.		STEAM.		SAILING.		STEAM.	
		No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Coastwise.	British ...	985	55,486	594	45,671	108	5,848	7	468
	Foreign ...					3	267		
Foreign Trade.	British ...	10	877	2	974				
	Foreign ...	13	2,365	14	4,430				

The totals of above Tables are given below, with those of the preceding year.

		1910.			1909.	
		SHIPS.	TONNAGE.		SHIPS.	TONNAGE.
British	...	1,706	109,324	...	1,779	107,317
Foreign	...	30	7,062	...	31	7,282

With reference to the Health condition of the Port, there has not been any case of sickness reported, and no deaths on any of the vessels. In my report to your last meeting I mentioned having received from the Local Government Board a notification that several ports in the Baltic, Black Sea, and the Indian and Arabian coasts, were affected with Plague and Cholera. No vessels arrived here from any of the affected ports, and I have now to report that these places are clear of infection.

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I would draw the attention of the Authority to the fact that another year has passed without the provision of an Isolation Hospital, and I urge upon them the necessity of giving this matter their most urgent attention, especially in consideration of the great difficulties your officers would have to contend against, should any outbreak of Infectious Illness occur.

Appended to this report is one I have received from the Inspector of Nuisances (Mr. Francis Parr), viz:—

I have to inform you that during the year ending on the 31st December, 1910, the usual inspection of vessels arriving within the jurisdiction of the Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority was fully maintained.

Number of Vessels inspected	...	1,243
Sanitary Defects notified	...	8
Statutory Notices issued	...	Nil.

The nature of the defects found as the result of inspection are as follows:—

		BRITISH.	FOREIGN.	TOTAL.
Dirty Latrines ...	...	1	5	6
Dirty Forecastle	...	1	—	1
Damp Forecastle	...	—	1	1
	Totals	2	6	8

The whole of the defects were put right on receipt of informal order, with the exception of one vessel belonging to Liverpool, the complaint being dirty forecastle and latrines, when on her leaving the port the Sanitary Inspector at Liverpool was written to.

G. W. HARVEY BIRD,

Medical Officer of Health.

25th January, 1911.